

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION	)	CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 1410-UP-303
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	)	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 15: All

Section 22: All

APPLICATION

On August 28, 2014, Bill Barrett Corporation ("BBC" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Pool all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, effective as of the date of the Application, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and

2) Subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the initial permitted horizontal Niobrara Formation well drilled within the Application Lands and any subsequent horizontal Niobrara Formation wells authorized by the Commission (API No. Pending).

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule.
- On February 22, 2011 (corrected on April 4, 2013), Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 established 74 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved one horizontal well for each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On June 17, 2013, Order No. 407-798 established two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within one of the units and up to four horizontal wells within the other unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formations.

- On March 17, 2014, Order No. 407-949, among other things, vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 for Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approved a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation..

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under §34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to §34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the State Administrative Procedures Act at §24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, October 27, 2014  
Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Durango Public Library  
1900 E. 3rd Avenue  
Durango, CO 81301

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than October 13, 2014.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of October 13, 2014.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: September 19, 2014

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